

Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 20 December 2007)

Proposed timing for discussion

Policy issues under Commerce and Economic Development Bureau

1. Detailed proposals for new Competition Law

The Panel discussed the consultation document on the way forward for competition policy in Hong Kong at the meeting on 21 December 2006 and was briefed on the outcome of public consultation at the meeting on 26 March 2007.

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(tentative)

At the meeting on 22 October 2007, the Administration advised that it would conduct public consultation on the detailed proposals for the new competition law and consult members accordingly.

2. Tsim Sha Tsui Piazza –preferred approach

The issue was discussed by the Panel at its meetings on 24 May 2004 and 25 April 2005.

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The Administration plans to consult members on proposed options for the development of a piazza at the Public Transport Exchange adjacent to the Tsim Sha Tsui Star Ferry Pier.

3. Aberdeen Tourism Project

The Government proposes to develop a tourism project in Aberdeen. The Administration will consult members on the proposed development parameters and financial arrangement before seeking funding support from Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee in the fourth quarter of 2008.

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Policy issues under Environment Bureau

4. Future development of the electricity market in Hong Kong

The Panel discussed issues related to the future development of the electricity market in Hong Kong at a series of special meetings during the 2005-2006 session. Members noted that

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the Government hoped to conclude the post-2008 regulatory arrangements with the two power companies soon, and would make all the necessary preparations for the further opening up of the electricity market within the next ten years.

At the meeting on 22 October 2007, members expressed different views on the Administration's plan to regulate the post-2008 electricity market by means of legislation should the Administration and the two power companies failed to conclude the negotiation on the next bilateral agreements by the end of 2007.

The Government is negotiating with the two power companies the terms of the post-2008 Scheme of Control Agreements. It shall brief the Panel on the subject at an appropriate time.

5. CLP's proposed Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Receiving Terminal in Hong Kong

CLP has submitted to the Government a new Financial Plan pursuant to the Scheme of Control Agreement, which covers a proposed LNG receiving terminal in Hong Kong. The Administration is reviewing the plan with CLP and shall brief the Panel at an appropriate time.

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Policy issues under Transport and Housing Bureau

6. Proposed shared-use of the Government helipad at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) with commercial operators

The Panel has held a number of joint meetings with the Panel on Planning, Lands and Work in 2004 and 2005 to deliberate on issues relating to the proposed domestic heliport development. At the meeting on 24 October 2005, the Administration proposed the shared-use of the Government helipad at HKCEC with commercial operators. It undertook to conduct a technical feasibility study and detailed design on the proposed Government helipad at HKCEC.

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The Administration plans to brief members on the results of the technical feasibility study and the way forward regarding the proposed shared-use arrangements.

7. Updates on the detailed feasibility study of the Lantau Logistics Park

Members expressed concern on the development of Lantau Logistics Park during the policy briefing by the former Secretary for Economic Development and Labour at the meeting on 23 October 2006 and during the meeting with Secretary for Transport and Housing on 22 October 2007.

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The Administration will brief members on the findings of the detailed feasibility study and the subsequent statutory procedures.

8. Aviation services

"Co-location" of immigration and customs facilities at Hong Kong International Airport

To be confirmed

In order to enhance the competitiveness of the Hong Kong International Airport, views had been expressed that the Government should liaise with the Central People's Government and the relevant authorities with a view to implementing "co-location" of immigration and customs facilities at Hong Kong International Airport.

At the Panel meeting on 24 January 2005, the Administration advised that co-location of immigration and customs facilities at cross-boundary control points involved complex legal and jurisdiction issues. There was no plan to provide co-location of immigration and customs facilities at SkyPlaza.